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It is therefore the position of the United States that as an urgent preliminary to consideration of any proposals work on the Cuban bases must stop; offensive weapons must be rendered inoperable; and further shipment of offensive weapons to Cuba must cease -- all under effective international verification.

As to proposals concerning the security of nations outside this Hemisphere, the United States and its allies have long taken the lead in seeking properly inspected arms limitation, on both sides. These efforts can continue as soon as the present Soviet-created threat is ended.

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The United States is accordingly notifying the USSR that as an urgent preliminary to consideration of any proposals work on [Offensive weapons] the Cuban bases must stop ~~at once, the missiles already completed~~ must be rendered inoperable, and further shipment of offensive weapons to Cuba must cease." [all under effective verification.

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As to proposals for increasing the security of nations outside this Hemisphere, the United States and its allies have long taken the lead in seeking properly inspected arms limitation, on both sides. These efforts can continue ^{as soon as} when the present Soviet-created threat is ended.